

## **COMBINED NOTICE OF** FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT and MAR $1\,$ 3 2016 NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI/NOI/RROF)

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The Montana Community Development Block Grant Program is considering an application for financial assistance to Anaconda-Deer Lodge County. The specific elements of this proposed action will assist low-moderate income property owners in the West Valley complete the abandonment of septic tanks and construction of service connections to the public sewer system.

On or around April 1, 2016 Anaconda-Deer Lodge County will request that the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) for the following project: West Valley Sewer Extension Project.

## Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly Anaconda-Deer Lodge County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

- 1. A consolidated environmental assessment which is on file at the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Courthouse itemizes the physical environment and human population of the project area.
- 2. Anaconda-Deer Lodge County has completed the 8-Step Floodplain compliance process which includes the publication of the Early Public Notice for Floodplains an/or Wetlands, the Notice of Public Hearing and Notice of Explanation for Floodplains an/or Wetlands. This information is part of the environmental assessment on file at the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Courthouse.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by Anaconda-Deer Lodge County. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Planning Department, Courthouse, Anaconda, MT., and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of CDBG project funds.

